

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12-6-23 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Muffin Smith (SWVADA), Diann Carpenter (NOVA); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Sandy Johnson-Toby (SE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Anna Fox (Fred'burg), and members Diane Boyd and Rachel Rice

Minutes: The minutes from the November meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that the combined balances are approximately \$204,000. We don't have the final numbers from GAIGs or any banquet expenses yet but the balance indicates we had a very successful show and that even with the loss from DAL, we will end the year in good shape.

Membership Report: Sheli doesn't have our final year end number yet. Note for chapters- please remind your members to join well in advance of their first show as there is a time lag between the date you join and when it finally gets to USDF.

2024 Clinic: Sheli brought up that the Youth Clinic we discussed at the last meeting is more tailored to FEI riders and doesn't serve the broad spectrum of our membership. She made the motion that in lieu of a clinic in 2024, we extend the additional \$400 for chapter grant article submissions by the chapters. Nancy Lowey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. We will try to make it an online process for fluidity. We will proceed with a Lilo Fore clinic at Morven Park on the 3rd and 4th of May 2025.

Year End Banquet: The date is Sunday, February 4th at the Greencroft Club in Charlottesville. Nancy Doody continues to update membership on the deadlines via eblast. We are continuing with the same online procedures for checking year end award results. The review period is December 6th through 13th and any discrepancies should be sent to Joanne Collins. Once the list has been finalized, an email blast will be sent to the winners notifying them to go online and choose their awards. The volunteer hours for VIP will be online this year as well with Rachel Rice coordinating. Please encourage your chapter members to contribute to the silent auction.

Gafford Award: Laura Nelson is collecting the nominations and will send out a document with the submissions to the Chapters. Chapters then vote and send their choice back to Laura by January 19th. The winner will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

2025 Election Committee: Nancy Lowey and Laura Nelson are soliciting nominations for the board positions. Please contact them if you are interested. The election will be held during the January board meeting.

USDF Convention Takeaways: Jessie, Sheli and Tina gave highlights of the various educational seminars and were very impressed and the quality of the speakers, most of whom were USDF members. Tina also spoke about the Safe Sport seminar, and we'll be discussing what the club should be doing proactively at a later date.

New Business: Congratulations to our members who were recognized at the USDF Banquet:

Sheli King- Region 1 GMO Volunteer of the Year

Jessie Ginsburg – Jessie earned her USDF Gold Medal, Gold Bar AND the Diamond Achievement Award

Nancy Doody- Region 1 GMO Website Award for best overall layout and design for a GMO with over 500 members.

As you have your elections for 2025 officers, please make sure you send Alison Douglas the chapter reps, website/newsletter chair and President.

Alison also needs the chapter's picks for VADA Vol of the Year for their Chapter.

Chapter Updates: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING INFO TO NANCY DOODY FOR THE WEBSITE. It's free advertising for any shows and clinics you're holding.

Central- Year end awards banquet will be January 28th in Glen Allen. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

Charlottesville- Year end awards banquet will be February 18th at Michie Tavern.

Fredericksburg – Year end awards banquet will be January 14th at 6 Bears & A Goat Brewing Co.

NEVADA –

NOVA – Judges round table with Lisa Schmidt on Feb 19th at 6:30.

ShenVADA –

SVDA- Year end awards banquet will be January 27th at Airfield 4-H Conference Center.

SWVADA- March 2nd, at the VA Tech Arena, they are holding a working equitation clinic with Holly Linz that is open to the public. March 3rd is their banquet.

NEXT MEETING Thursday January 11th 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas